



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Lucky 5 Ranch Temporary Equestrian Camp (05/06-CD-15)

**LOCATION:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Construction of a temporary small-scale rustic equestrian camping facility. Currently, there is a day-use trailhead parking lot, double vault toilet facility, solar-powered well pump, and 500 gallon livestock tank on-site. This project will provide 10-14 temporary campsites along an existing ranch road between County Road S-1 (Sunrise Hwy.) and the existing livestock tank. Grading will be confined primarily to the existing road, and the creation of a small loop road near the existing windmill/livestock tank. The existing day-use area will be enhanced and expanded along Sunrise Hwy. to better accommodate horse trailers and public parking, and to improve drainage. The expanded day-use parking area will be approximately 200' by 100' in an already disturbed area adjacent to Sunrise Hwy. The day-use area will be a permanent facility, but the campsites will be removed once a permanent camping facility is built (by 2008-9). This temporary camping and day-use facility is being constructed to temporarily replace equestrian camping facilities lost in the Cedar Fire of October 2003. The project will ensure that potential adverse visual impacts to persons on nearby Sunrise Hwy. are minimized. The temporary camping area will be restored to original contours and native vegetation at the end of the project. No impacts to sensitive natural or cultural resources are anticipated.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- X Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)  
☐ Categorical Exemption

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**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
- Project to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor (Cedar Fire of October 2003).

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